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The former Rungarian tractor plant "Hofher and Schrants" is new called the "Vords" Caillag" (Red Star) Factory.

Officials of the Mant:

General Manager: Chief of the technical sections Chief of Technical sections Chief of productions Secretary of the Communist Party: President of the internal council: Oulture and propaganda officer:

Matyas Grassalkovich Tibor Palmai Gabor Hollerun Engineer Bela Helmecay Miklos Benda Karoly Mibole Ferenc Kolozsváry.

- There are 4,000 workers in this plant, of whom 800 are women. In the fall of 1991, a special section was set up for 600 apprentices. The monthly pay of a skilled worker is around 1,000 farints.
- Since January 1952, in addition to the tractors (which represent the main production of the plant), timing railread cars for transporting dirt and coal have also been constructed according to Soviet specifications. These cars are being built on an assembly-line basis and so far 400 or them have been completed. It is planned to build 800 more by the end of 1952. The section that turns cut these 3. cars is called the "Dumper" and the cars themselves bear this name. Eungarian firms get 80 percent of the current production for the construction of highways and railroads; the rest of the cars go to the UBER.

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- 4. In the tractor section of the plant, the Eungarian Academy of Sciences has set up an "Institute of Industrial Research", which carries out experiments according to the "Annolf system (mechanical grinding) which has proven successful. The cylinders of the tractors are ground according to this system; it is classed that this will make the engines last longer and also will allow a better utilization of the fuel. The main concern of this institute is to try to find processes which will save materials.
- 5. The plant produces three models of the Hofher tractors. The maximum monthly subjut of the plant is about 400 tractors, most of which are turned over to the large state agricultural enterprises and to the mathine and tractor stations of the kolkhozes. Only 20 percent of the production is turned over to the Russians.
- 6. The plant cannot meet the goal set under the economic plan, as most of the machinery is described. More than 25 percent of the machines are usually idle, particularly if they are of fereign manufacture with parts which are difficult to replace.
- 7. The management is embeavoring to raise the morals of the workers which is very low because of the strict discipline. Tardiness of 5 minutes is punished by a fine of 5 forints and if a worker is late 1 hour, he is fined 20 forints. A worker absent for an entire day without good reasons, is fined 50 forints.

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